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Dear Sir:

The following is submitted in response to an Office Action mailed June 5, 2002. Since this response is being submitted within the shortened statutory period for response set by the Examiner, no additional fees are due for its timely submission. Applicants request that the fees required for the submission and consideration of the additionally presented claims, together with any additional fees required for the consideration of this response, be charged to Deposit Account 13-3723.

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